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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on January 18, 2008.

Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.